

CLAIMS

1. Method for opening a flexible pouch (1), and in particular heat-sensitive edges (3) of a mouth of the pouch, characterised in that it the opening of the edges (3) of the mouth occurs by simple heating.
2. Method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the heating step lasts until the mutual detachment of the edges (3) of the opening with the formation of an adequate cleft (6).
3. Method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the heating is achieved by blowing warm air at a temperature of about 50°C.
4. Device for opening a flexible pouch (1), characterised in that it comprises heating means so shaped as to heat a heat-sensitive area of the mouth of the pouch until causing the opening thereof.
5. Device as claimed in claim 4, wherein the heating means comprise at least a nozzle (7) emitting a jet of warm air that heats the mouth of the pouch (1) until causing the detachment of the edges (3) of the mouth and the definition of an adequate cleft (6).
6. Device as claimed in claim 5, wherein the warm air is at a temperature of about 50°C.
7. Device as claimed in claim 4, wherein the heating means comprise a pair of heated shaped guides (4) between which transits the mouth area of the pouch (1) whilst the guides (4) press against the pouch itself or are simply in contact therewith.
8. Device as claimed in claim 7, wherein said shaped guides (4) have circular cross section and are therefore cylindrical bars.
9. Flexible pouch for food products, characterised in that it is opened by means of a method as claimed in claims 1 through 3 or by means of a device as claimed in claims 4 through 8.